

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News

Our Mission:

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Traditional Service 8:30am

RootsKids 8:30

Adult Class 9:30am

Praise Service 10:30am

Communion on September 7



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⚡ ⚡ ⚡ Spiritual Realities ⚡ ⚡ ⚡

In several denominations, August 6th is when they celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus. For United Methodists, we usually celebrate this day on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

We often think of physical things, what we see with our eyes and what we can touch with our hands, as being more real. Spiritual things are harder for us to understand and grasp as real. But the truth is that the spiritual, God, the love of God through Jesus, and Jesus' resurrection point us to a higher reality.

In the Transfiguration the Disciples saw Jesus as he really is, the transcendent all powerful Son of the living God. In those moments, they were astonished to see Jesus in all his glory with Moses and Elijah. It is here some of Jesus' closest disciples got a glimpse of the highest reality, God's reality and God's glory.

Sometimes I see people online making fun of spiritual matters and act as if the spiritual life is some how less meaningful or less real than the physical. But Christians all know that this physical world, and even our own bodies, will some day pass away. The ultimate reality is found in our relationship with Jesus. Our ultimate eternity with God will be ever lasting and never ending.

Some day this world that we have lived in will be seen as a short dream in the never ending life that God gives us in Christ. *"Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect."* Romans 12:2 NRSV

In Christ's Love, Pastor Tim

Discipleship Moment... What are your Spiritual Gifts?



Have you ever wondered what gifts you bring to Asbury? Everyone has Spiritual gifts gifted to us from God. These are our unique set of skills and abilities. What are your Spiritual Gifts? To help you find out, Asbury offers an online Spiritual Gifts Inventory. It is quick and easy. You may be gifted in Administration, Evangelism, Exhortation, Giving, Mercy-Showing, Prophecy, Service, Shepherding or Teaching. Take the inventory and find out!

The answers to the questions are confidential; only your top 3 gifts will be sent to Asbury. This information will help you find ways to use those gifts to serve where you best fit. The survey only takes about 20 minutes. Please be sure to register your email so Church Growth can email you detailed information on your gifts.

In honor of our 75th Anniversary we are looking to have 75 participants take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory. To date we have had 46 congregation members take the survey. Will you help us get to 75? You can find the link to the inventory on our Website, or by scanning the QR code.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace." 1 Peter 4:10
Jean Black and Vern Harvey Discipleship Team Co-Leaders

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Would you like to be included on our rotating list of volunteers on our Welcome Team? We typically have 3-4 volunteers at our 8:30 service and 2 volunteers at our 10:30 service. On the Welcome Team, we do the following:

- Greet our church friends as they arrive.
- Assist with any special needs for wheelchairs, walkers, hearing devices or lumbar support.
- Give Pastor Tim any attendance cards with prayer requests.
- Light candles at the beginning of the service and extinguish at the end.
- Take a count of those in attendance.



This is a great way to meet others and extend our friendships. With our rotating list, you would be asked to assist every 5-6 weeks. If you are interested, please contact Steve Gipple at steve.gipple@mchsi.com (cell 314-220-4551) or Cindy Gipple at clgklipp@mchsi.com (cell 563-528-4552). Thank you!

Summer Adult Study

Sunday August 10, 17 and 24

9:30 - 10:25am in Room 302-303

Being Witnesses Of The Holy Spirit
led by Phil Paulson



Attention

STARTING IN NOVEMBER
KIDS WILL BE WITH
FAMILIES IN WORSHIP
THE 1ST SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 24 - BIBLE PRESENTATION 

SEPTEMBER 7 - ROOTSKIDS STARTS 

SEPTEMBER 21 - ROOTSKIDS FAMILY SUNDAY 

OCTOBER 11 - FALLOVEEN 

DECEMBER 14 @ 8:30 WORSHIP - CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 

COMING SOON! September 7 - Fall Kick-Off Sunday & Meal at 4pm • September 14 - Fall Sunday Sermon Study Series



Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team Upcoming Opportunities!



A **Grief Share** group will begin on Tuesday, August 19th and will meet for 11 weeks. We will meet in Room 202 from 6:00-8:00pm to share in the program which is designed for individuals to meet others who are grieving and to share thoughts, stories and prayers. Those who have participated in the past have related that the time spent with those going through similar experiences is beneficial and healing. Those wishing to participate (or who have questions) should contact Cheryl Ewert by calling her directly (563-505-1477) or by calling the church office.



Foot Clinic: Monday, August 25, 1:00-4:00. Contact Cheryl Ewert to make an appointment!



Monday, August 25, 2:30-5:00. You may make your own appointment through the Impact Life website, or you may talk with Cheryl about setting up a time to donate. Thank you for making the time to donate and to help others in this way, whether you come to the blood drive at the church or if you go directly to the Blood Center. You are doing a great thing!

Missions

AIM (ASBURY IN MISSION) "DOING GOD'S WILL"

AIM MISSION OF THE MONTH HOPE AT THE BRICK HOUSE



SCHOOL SUPPLIES
SNACKS
MONETARY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Asbury in Mission (AIM) Team has chosen **Hope at the Brick House** in Davenport for our August Asbury Mission of the Month. Who doesn't love to see happy children? We can all be a part of making that happen! We will be collecting **monetary donations (only)** and Hope at the Brick House will purchase the needed school supplies and snacks for the boys and girls. We have supported this ministry for a number of years and the staff and children are so grateful for our help. If you write a check, please make it out to Asbury UMC with "school supplies" on the memo line. Should you prefer to donate online, please go to JesusIsTheBridge.org, click on the "Online Giving" button, choose "Missions" and type Hope at the Brick House in the "Please Specify" box. You can find more information on Hope at the Brick House and their mission by going to hopeatthebrickhouse.org Thank you!!

Thank You for Your Service! + Asbury Doing God's Will!

THANK YOU to all who supported AIM our July MOM, the Bettendorf Food Pantry, with non-perishable food items and \$575 in donations. We accept donations for the pantry year-round.

- **Office Hours**....Asbury Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00-Noon and afternoons by request. Please feel free to contact a staff member if you need assistance after hours.
- **Newsletter Deadline**...Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00am on Monday, August 18.**
- **Praises and Requests for Prayer**....may be submitted on our website by clicking on the **"Prayers & Praise"** button. If you would like to be part of Asbury's Prayer Team, please contact Pam & Pat Thornton, Pastor Tim or the Parish Nurse Team.
- **Thoughts of Sympathy**....Our prayers are with Joe Buck and family on the death of his mother, Dorothea Buck on July 22.
- **Pleyel Double Grand Piano Concert**....FMTA invites you to a concert by the popular duo, *Trick and Alderighi*, at Asbury on **Sunday, August 10, 3:00-4:30pm.** Tickets available at the door and online are \$15/adults and \$5/students.
- **Friendly Thrift Center**.... Visit us in August for fall football clothing and lots of Hawkeye items! Check out our Facebook page for the latest updates! Currently, we are in need of bookbags, travel-size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc., men's shorts, jeans and nice casual shoes for young men & adults. There is a bin near the elevator on the lower level of Asbury for you to place your items. Thank you!
- **Hannah Circle**....All women are invited for breakfast or lunch out on the second Tuesday of each month. On **Tuesday, August 12** we will gather at 11:30am for lunch at Ting's Asian Bistro (former Crust restaurant) located at 2561 53rd Street in Bettendorf. Join us for fun conversation and fellowship!
- **Rachel Circle** Meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Our August 12 meeting will be supper at The Machine Shed. For reservation purposes, you should let Jean Dean know if you will be attending - her phone number is in the church directory. Plan to arrive by 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome, even if you have not been to a Rachel meeting previously. We'd love to get to know you!
- **Card Ministry**....Next meeting will be on **Wednesday, August 13 at 6:30pm.** To learn more, go to their Facebook page, the Asbury website or contact Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon. You can help support Card Ministry expenses by purchasing their lovely cards in the church office!
- **Craft & Chat**....Next meeting of this drop-in gathering is **Saturday, August 16 from 9:00-Noon** in the Connections Café at Asbury. Bring your own supplies and work on any craft project you like, or come and help make a sleeping mat for those in need! Connect and have fun with fellow crafters. Contact Michelle Bonney for more information.
- **LIFT - Ladies In Fellowship Together**...Details of dates and events can be found on their LIFT Facebook page. You may also contact Jenny Bloomquist, Julia Hensch, Marian Edmund-Paulson or Stephanie Pim. All women are invited!
- **Asbury Men's Group**....Join us in person at the church on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of the month at **7:45am.** Contact Cliff Pim (563-340-2722), Phil Paulson (309-502-9236) or the church office (563-355-5218) for more information or the **ZOOM** link. All men are welcome!
- **Asbury Foundation**....Thank you to Angie & Talbot Berry and Carolyn Scheib for their recent gifts to the Asbury Foundation. For information on how you can guarantee a strong future for the life and ministry of Asbury through a gift to the Foundation, please contact John Rabine or the church office. **This is a thoughtful way to honor your birthday or other occasions.**